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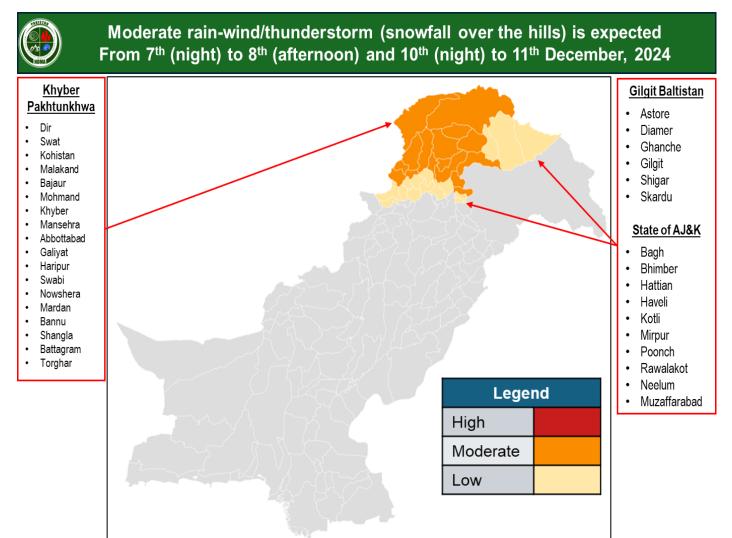


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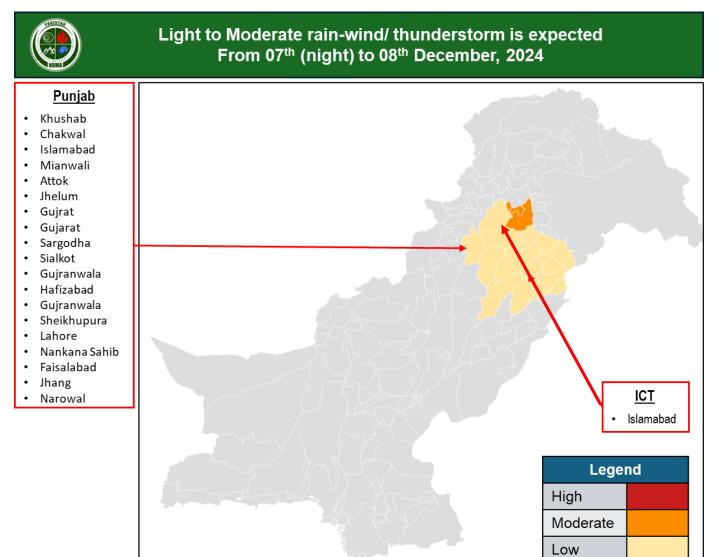
Subject: Cold Wave/ Frost Conditions Likely in the Country during the Week, Rain Wind / Thunderstorm (Snowfall over hills) also Predicted in Upper Parts

A Westerly wave is anticipated to impact the upper regions of the country starting from 7th December, 2024. This weather system is expected to pave the way for a widespread cold wave that may affect most parts of the country from 8th to 14th December, 2024. Under the influence of cold wave conditions, a significant drop in day and night temperatures are predicted. Day temperatures are likely to drop (04-06) °C below normal in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir. While (05-07) °C below normal in Balochistan and Sindh. Cold with gusty winds are likely in Sindh, Balochistan and parts of Punjab. Frost is also likely to develop

over plains. Under the said weather system following are the likely impacted areas: -



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2. Under the influence of this weather system, following are likely impacts: -

a. Punjab and Islamabad Capital Territory

- (1) **Rains** may trigger Landslides in Murree and hilly areas.
- (2) Rainfall with chances of heavy falls may generate flash / urban flooding in municipalities / local nullahs / streams and river tributaries.
- (3) Windstorms may damage crops, loose structures, etc.
- (4) **Thunderstorms** to increase risk of **lightning strikes**.
- (5) Electricity / other utility services may get disrupted.
- (6) General public is advised to be aware of loose structures like billboards, electrical poles, solar panels, hoardings, etc.
- (7) Farmers are advised to manage their activities keeping in view the weather forecast particularly frost conditions.
- (8) Avoid long period of outdoor exposure in cold and windy weather during night and morning hours.

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b. KP, Galiyat, GB and State of AJ&K

- (1) **Heavy Downpour** may cause **urban flooding** in **low lying** areas.
- (2) Heavy rains may trigger Landslides in Galiyat, Mansehra, Kohistan, Chitral, Dir, Swat, Shangla, Buner, Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan.
- (3) Electricity / other utility services may get disrupted.
- (4) **Heavy Rainfall** may generate **flash flooding** in local nullahs / streams and river tributaries.
- (5) Windstorms may damage crops, loose structures, etc.
- (6) **Thunderstorms** to increase risk of **lightning strikes**.
- (7) General public is advised to be aware of loose structures like billboards, electrical poles, solar panels, hoardings, etc.
- (8) Tourists are advised to remain cautious during the spell and check weather updates before traveling.
- (9) **Rainfall** may cause **flash flooding** in local nullahs.
- (10) Landslides / mudslides may lead to potential road blockages.
- (11) Windstorms may damage crops, loose structures, etc.
- (12) **Thunderstorms** to increase risk of **lightning strikes**.
- (13) Electricity / other utility services may get disrupted.
- (14) General public is advised to be aware of loose structures like billboards, electrical poles, solar panels, hoardings, etc.
- (15) Farmers are advised to manage their activities keeping in view the weather forecast particularly frost conditions.
- (16) Avoid long period of outdoor exposure in cold and windy weather during night and morning hours.
- (17) Tourists and travellers visiting mountainous areas are advised to remain cautious during the period.

3. In this regard, all concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, respective Provincial Governments, their line departments including PDMAs / GBDMA / SDMA / ICT Administration, DDMAs / local administrations, municipal authorities of major metropolises are advised to **ensure following along with any other measures deemed necessary**: -

- a. Aspects for Mass Awareness / Enforcement
 - (1) During thunderstorms and to avoid lightning strike do not do the following:-
 - (a) Do not stand close to telephone or electric pylons.
 - (b) Do not use landline telephones and any metal / wiring that is not grounded.
 - (c) Do not take cover **under trees**.
 - (d) Move away from drainage canals and pondages.

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- (e) Move **indoors** or **seek shelter** in a **dry place**.
- (2) Travellers / tourists are advised to: -
 - Plan travels to picnic and tourist spots considering weather and traffic conditions.
 - (b) Properly dispose of garbage at designated areas to prevent clogging of drainage systems.
 - (c) Avoid overcrowding picnic and tourist spots and ensure personal safety.
 - (d) Keep children away from nullahs / potholes / drainage lines to avoid accidents.
 - (e) Wear weather appropriate clothing.
 - (f) Keep adequate **supply** of **clean drinking water**.
- (3) Do not risk crossing any drain or road overtopping with water flow. Wait for flows to normalise and prioritise / ensure safety.
- (4) Do not risk entering a ponded under-construction road.
- (5) Do not take / allow children close to ponds / stagnant water, water drainage lines or any place where potholes are present.
- (6) Sensitize all concerned on risks posed by venturing into water channels and crossing nullahs during flash floods.
- (7) Do not handle / repair any electrical equipment, especially with exposed lines to preclude risk of electrocution during rainfall / thunderstorms and water pondage.
- (8) Avoid staying in weak structures. In case of intense rain, seek shelter in safe places such as schools, government buildings, or any concrete buildings.

b. DDMAs / Local Administrations / DM Responders

- Stoke pile up to three weeks supply that includes ration, fuel and medicine at likely choke points/ landslide vulnerable areas.
- Activation and deputation of duty staff for round-the-clock monitoring through Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs).
- (3) Collect and share the **latest information** with line departments, **provincial**, and **national authorities**.
- (4) Disseminate advisories, alerts, and guidelines to all concerned.
- (5) Generate Situation Reports (SITREPs) to cover any major incidents / developments.
- (6) Civic Agencies and Rescue Services (1122 / Fire Brigade / Ambulance / Civil Defence) to remain alert and have sufficient emergency response personnel and equipment during the forecasted holiday period.

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- (7) Alert masses living in low-lying areas to exercise extra caution and activate community-based alert systems.
- (8) Limit the number of tourists allowed entry to picnic and tourist spots to avoid overcrowding.
- (9) Regulate traffic at picnic and tourist spots to ensure a smooth flow and prevent congestion.
- (10) Provision of POL for backup generators at water pumping stations and timely pre-placement of dewatering pumps to respond to urban flooding in cities.
- (11) Secure loose structures including billboards / hoardings / solar panels from effects of windstorms / thundershowers.
- (12) Under advised of local administration and LEAs, restrict seasonal nullah crossings.

c. PDMAs / SDMA / GBDMA / ICT Administration

- Coordinate with respective PDMAs to align local efforts with provincial strategies and guidelines.
- (2) Activate / ensure staffing of HR in EOCs for effective coordination and response.
- (3) Establish a streamlined and efficient communication channel to ensure timely dissemination of weather forecasts, advisories, and alerts to local administrations and the public.
- (4) Ensure flow of information among all stakeholders is accurate, timely, and effectively coordinated.
- (5) Ensure enforcement / dissemination of mitigative / preparedness / response guidelines to all concerned.
- (6) Ensure pre-placement of heavy earth moving machinery at chokepoints / at-risk regions for managing landslides and restoration of roads.
- (7) Coordinate with Local Administrations / Line Departments to proactively provide necessary resources / HR and support during emergency situations.
- (8) Ensure adequate stocking of resources / machinery / relief within provincial and district capacities. Additionally, ensure availability of resources specific to ongoing seasonal hazards.
- (9) Conduct detailed risk / impact / vulnerability assessments at UC to District level and tailor disaster response mechanisms accordingly.
- (10) Maintain a comprehensive database of vulnerable populations and critical infrastructure within the jurisdiction.
- (11) Ensure **rapid damage** and **needs assessments** follow major incidents.

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- (12) Forewarn travellers/visitors about risks posed from snowfall and significant drop in temperatures in vulnerable locations and provide guidance and assistance in case of emergencies through local administration, police and rescue services.
- (13) Keeping in view the snow conditions, forward place the snow removing and road clearance machinery at vulnerable points.
- (14) Ensure early coordination with hotels / guest houses for provision of proper food and shelter to the stranded people, in case of any emergency.

d. Federal Ministries / Departments

- (1) Ensuring **interagency coordination** and **information sharing** for monitoring and handling emergencies.
- (2) Raise mass awareness through respective platforms relevant stakeholders about seasonal hazards.
- (3) Direct LEAs, NH&MP and line departments to regulate traffic flow, advised travellers / tourists regarding likely situations / dangers and safety measures.
- (4) Issue necessary instructions to departments, such as NHA, FWO and C&W for immediate restoration of roads in case of blockage / obstruction / closures and preplacing of necessary emergency equipment at vulnerable / strategic locations.
- (5) Ensure strict and proactive monitoring of the movement around/ in close vicinity of nullahs and water channels to avert possibilities of drowning.
- 4. In case of any eventuality, twice-daily updates be shared with NDMA.
- 5. With the request for wider circulation and public awareness.

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Annex-A

PMD Press Release

Government of Pakistan Ministry of Aviation (Aviation Division) Pakistan Meteorological Department Sector: H-8/2, Islamabad.

> Date: 06th December 2024 Time: 14:30 PST

Cold wave/frost conditions likely in the country during the week Rain-wind/thunderstorm (snowfall over hills) also predicted in upper parts.

Met office predicted that a westerly wave is likely to affect upper parts of the country from 07th December. Under the influence of this weather system:

- A cold wave is likely to affect most parts of the country from 08th to 14th December. Under the influence of cold ٠ wave conditions, a significant drop in day and night temperatures are predicted. Day temperatures are likely to drop (04-06) °C below normal in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir. While (05-07) °C below normal in Balochistan and Sindh. Cold with gusty winds are likely in Sindh, Balochistan and parts of Punjab. Frost is also likely to develop over plains.
- Moderate rain-wind/thunderstorm (snowfall over the hills) is expected in Chitral, Dir, Swat, Malakand, Buner, Shangla, Manshera, Abbottabad, Kohistan, Astore, Ghizer, Gilgit, Hunza, Skardu, Neelum Valley, Muzaffarabad, Rawalakot, Kotli, Haveli and Bagh from 07th (night) to 11th December with occasional gaps.
- Light to moderate rain-wind/thunderstorm (snowfall over the hills) is expected in Murree, Galliyat, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Attock, Jhelum, Chakwal, Sialkot, Hafizabad, Gujranwala, Lahore, Sargodha, Khushab, Faisalabad and Jhang from 07th (night) to 08th December (afternoon).

Possible Impacts and advice:

- Farmers are advised to manage their activities keeping in view the weather forecast particularly frost conditions.
- Avoid long period of outdoor exposure in cold and windy weather during night and morning hours. •
- Tourists and travelers visiting mountainous areas are advised to remain cautious during the period.

Note: All concerned authorities are advised to remain "ALERT" and take necessary measures to avoid any untoward situation particularly in northern areas. Any significant change will be updated accordingly. For latest weather updates please visit: https://www.pmd.gov.pk/cn/

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Date: 06th December, 2024 Time: 14:30 PST

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محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق 07 دسمبر سے مغربی ہوائیں ملک کے بالائی علاقوں میں داخل ہونے کی چیش گوئی۔ **جس کے ماحث:**

- 14-08 د مم رک دوران : ملک کے بیشتر علاقول میں سر دی کی اہر کا امکان ۔ سر دی کی اہر کے زیرا ثر دن اور رات کے درجہ حرارت میں نمایاں کی کی پیشکوئی۔ پنجاب، خیبر پختو نخوا، گلک بلتستان اور سشیر میں دن ے درجہ حرارت (04 ے 06) ڈ کری سیننی معمول سے کم رہنے کا امکان۔ جبکہ بلوچتان اور سندھ میں (05 ے 07) ڈ کری سیننی کریڈ معمول سے کم رہنے کی توقع۔ میدانی علاقوں میں کبرایٹ نے کی توقع۔ سند دہ بلوچستان اور پنجاب کے علاقوں میں سر داور تیز ہوائی چلنے کاامکان۔
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